



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

REP. WALKER, 93rd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REQUESTS OF CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES TO CLOSE OR REDUCE BED CAPACITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 17b-352 of the general statutes be amended to require
2 the Department of Social Services to hold a public hearing whenever
3 the operator of a chronic and convalescent nursing home or a rest
4 home with nursing supervision files a letter of intent, or applies for a
5 certificate of need, to reduce bed capacity or close such a facility, or
6 otherwise makes known an intention to reduce bed capacity or close
7 such a facility. The required public hearing shall be held at the long-
8 term care facility in accordance with rules prescribed by the
9 department, and no facility may reduce bed capacity or close unless
10 the public hearing has been conducted and department approval
11 secured.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide public input prior to the Department of Social Services approving the request of a chronic and convalescent nursing home or

rest home with nursing supervision for a reduction in bed capacity or closure of the facility.